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# Crop Progress & Condition Report



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Week ending April 17, 2011

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 17, 2011**. Dry weather during the first part of last week allowed farmers work in their fields, but heavy storms shut down operations by the end of week. Most crops experienced significant gains in their progresses, especially wheat. Cotton plantings were reported, but indications are that most farmers are waiting for more favorable weather to start planting. Soil moisture was rated 11 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending April 17, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	90	79	89	88
Corn, emerged	73	53	67	71
Cotton, planted	2	--	10	6
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	22	3	17	12
Rice, planted	32	10	40	31
Rice, emerged	12	4	8	7
Sorghum, planted	22	3	27	20
Soybeans, planted	19	7	39	34
Soybeans, emerged	6	--	9	16
Watermelons, planted	63	45	71	66
Winter Wheat, jointing	99	96	93	96
Winter Wheat, heading	84	42	14	55

Crop condition for week ending April 17, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	0	15	82	3
Corn	4	16	41	34	5
Livestock	2	8	30	47	13
Pasture	2	7	32	44	15
Watermelons	0	0	24	67	9
Winter Wheat	3	6	22	50	19

## Comments

“Five or six days of fieldwork and planting were completed last week. Very heavy rains on Friday morning completely stopped all fieldwork until sometime next week.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“With heavy rains again last week, most plantings have been delayed. Hopefully, we will be able to get into the fields sometime this week.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Excellent progress continues to be made with corn, rice, and soybean plantings; with most of the corn acreage now planted. Also, growers have made good progress with fertilizer applications on all crops. Cotton planting will start with the next favorable weather forecast.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Much headway has been made in spring plantings. Some cotton went in the ground last week, just ahead of the rain. When it dries up I expect cotton producers will be planting there acres full tilt.”

— Strider McCrory, Sunflower

“Subsoil moisture levels are still marginal; however, intense rains today may cause problems for fields that have recently been planted.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“The county received five to seven inches of rain due to storms last week.”

— Juli Hughes, Choctaw

“Most of the corn is planted. Soybean and rice planters are still wide open, and cotton planting will begin very soon. Occasional rains have given early planted crops good emergence.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Corn planting is about finished and some rice and soybeans have been planted.”

— Don Respens, Coahoma

“By Friday morning, we had already received three fourths of an inch of rain with more to come. It will be, middle of next week before we can do anything, if we get anymore more rain.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Most crops are looking good. However, some corn in the county suffered wind and sand damage last week.

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Livestock are looking better since the grass has started growing, allowing them to get some grazing.”

— Rankin, Houston, Therrell

“Corn planting has resumed due to the dry weather, and several fungicide applications have been made on wheat in the past week.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 17, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
<b>Upper Delta</b>									
Clarksdale	87	46	66	62	4	1.30	0.11	1	3.63
Cleveland	89	45	66	63	3	0.91	-0.42	2	2.72
Lambert 1W	90	42	66			2.04	0.92	2	3.56
Tunica 2N	88	44	64	61	3	2.05	0.69	2	3.98
Extreme/Average	90	42	65	62	3	1.58	0.32	2	3.47
<b>North-Central</b>									
Batesville 2SW	90	41	64	60	4	1.80	0.61	2	3.85
Hickory Flat	88	34	59	59		2.08	0.82	3	5.35
Holly Springs	90	33	63	58	5	1.66	0.42	2	3.97
Independence	86	38	62	59	3	1.53	0.41	2	3.74
Oxford	90	39	64	59	5	2.45	1.26	3	6.42
Extreme/Average	90	33	63	60	3	1.90	0.64	2	4.67
<b>Northeast</b>									
Booneville	86	34	60	59	1	2.31	1.12	3	5.88
Corinth 7SW	88	35	61	62	-1	2.36	1.17	2	4.93
Pontotoc Exp	89	38	64	60	4	1.36	0.04	2	4.57
Tupelo 2	89	46	67			1.86	0.00	2	5.68
Verona	88	39	63	60	3	1.79	0.57	3	5.40
Extreme/Average	89	34	63	60	3	1.94	0.74	2	5.29
<b>Lower Delta</b>									
Belzoni	88	47	66	63	3	2.04	0.71	2	3.28
Moorhead	89	46	67	63	4	0.15	-1.18	1	1.81
Rolling Fork	92	46	67	63	4	0.18	-1.15	1	1.72
Extreme/Average	92	46	67	64	3	0.81	-0.52	2	2.64
<b>Central</b>									
Canton 4N	88	42	65	64	1	0.68	-0.65	2	4.13
Eupora 2E	90	41	65	61	4	3.57	2.28	2	6.47
Forest 3S	88	36	64	63	1	1.03	-0.37	2	4.78
Winona 5E	86	37	62	58	4	2.89	1.61	3	4.40
Extreme/Average	90	36	64	62	2	2.04	0.67	2	4.44
<b>East-Central</b>									
Aberdeen	87	39	64	61	3	2.87	1.63	2	6.56
Columbus	87	44	63	62	1	3.23	1.90	2	8.56
Macon	88	38	63	61	2	0.70	-0.63	2	2.55
State University	90	40	65	61	4	4.50	3.17	3	6.96
Extreme/Average	90	38	64	62	2	2.83	1.50	2	7.36
<b>Southwest</b>									
Crystal Springs	87	43	65	64	1	0.47	-0.96	2	4.44
Natchez	87	41	65	65		0.20	-1.22	2	2.10
Oakley Exp						0.05	-1.36	2	4.58
Vicksburg City	88	49	68			0.56		2	4.01
Woodville 4ESE	88	46	67	65	2	0.48	-0.96	2	1.21
Extreme/Average	88	41	66	64	2	0.35	-1.05	2	3.27
<b>South-Central</b>									
Collins	87	41	66	64	2	0.20	-1.06	1	0.60
Columbia	89	44	67	64	3	0.20	-1.20	2	2.12
Monticello	91	44	69	64	5	0.25	-1.19	1	3.25
Raleigh 6N	87	36	63			0.62	0.00	2	3.75
Extreme/Average	91	36	66	64	2	0.32	-1.06	2	2.43
<b>Southeast</b>									
Hattiesburg	87	48	68	65	3	0.08	-1.21	2	3.18
Laurel	88	43	66	64	2	0.20	-0.99	2	2.29
Newton Exp	88	38	64	62	2	1.23	-0.20	2	4.08
Waynesboro 2W	90	42	67	63	4	0.56	-0.49	2	5.65
Extreme/Average	90	38	66	64	2	0.52	-0.73	2	3.80
<b>State</b>	92	33	65	63	2	1.34	0.03	2	4.19

DFN = Departure from Normal.